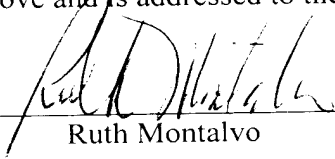


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Sir:

Prior to receipt of a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the present specification and substitute therefor the enclosed substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 3, line 1, change "Claims" to -What is claimed is--.